

### CURRENT COMMENT.

FOR many years Spain has collected in Cuba an annual tax of \$10 on every foreign piece.

JOHN WANAMAKER, the ex-postmaster-general, it was announced at Philadelphia, is a candidate for the United States senate.

A POCKET typewriter, no larger than a watch has been patented, on which a speed can be attained much faster than a person can write by hand.

SECRETARY CARLISLE, in his recent report, recommended to congress that neither greenbacks nor national bank notes should be issued in denominations of less than \$10, the object being to extend the use of silver dollars and silver certificates.

It appears from statistics compiled from reports during the civil war that there were 278,644 desertions from the union army. In a large majority of these cases, however, the offense was merely technical and came properly under the head of "absence without leave."

THE latest scheme of the Clan-na-Gael, which came to a head in New York a short time ago with the organization of the tenth company for the new Irish regiment, is said to be the most widespread, formidable and carefully-planned movement in aid of Ireland that has assumed form in the United States.

IN anticipation of his visit to Chicago, the Jews of that city sent a registered letter to Herr Ahlwardt, the German who has come to this country to try to work up a sentiment against the Jews, requesting him not to include Chicago in his tour of the country. While they made no threats, they insinuated that if he went there they would give him a warm reception.

It is clearly indicated that the question of resubmitting a prohibition amendment to the constitution of Iowa will engage much of the attention of the coming legislature, with the probability of a spirited fight. The irrepressible issue of the liquor traffic has been discussed in the press of the state for months and numerous plans for dealing with it have been suggested.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the state board of health of New York was summoned to Malone to examine one of the largest herds of fancy cattle in the county, belonging to J. S. Amsden. Out of 35 head examined 30 were found to be infected with tuberculosis and they were killed at once. It was rumored that other herds in the county were infected. As milk from the Amsden herd had been sold at Malone the community of that town was greatly excited.

GEN. MILES is a strong advocate of the introduction of the bicycle into the army and has recommended that a force equal to one full regiment of 12 companies be equipped with motor wagons and bicycles. There are at present more than 4,000 men and officers of the army who are able to use the bicycle, and it is the intention of Gen. Miles to use troops, stationed at different posts, to make practice marches with the bicycle and thus obtain a thorough knowledge of the country's topography.

MRS. PATRICK KELLY, of Larksville, near Wilkesbarre, Pa., had her four small children sick with diphtheria recently. One kept getting worse and worse and finally the doctor pronounced it dead and ordered it buried as soon as possible in order to prevent a spread of the disease. The nurse washed the little body, and laid it out on a table to prepare it for burial. A short time after she was startled to see it move. It was immediately attended to and was afterward reported on a fair way to recovery. It was supposed that the warm bath revived it.

THE old soldiers, both those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray, will take a keen interest in the movement which has been started in New York city for a grand parade next year of the veterans of the union and confederate armies. A New York paper says it will be the grandest reunion in human history and will present to the peoples of the earth a spectacle of veterans on both sides of the greatest civil war ever waged, within a generation after the event, mingling in fraternal intercourse and marching in their old uniforms to the stirring music of the union.

THE condition of the agricultural interest of England, as a whole, is perhaps the most deplorable to be found in any civilized nation of the world. A recent statement shows that very few farms in England have for years paid the rental and that the condition of the agricultural population generally is as unfortunate as it well could be. Large areas have in recent years failed to produce sufficient to supply the necessities of those who cultivated them and it is probably safe to say that at this time more than half the farmers of England are hopelessly in debt to the landlords.

RECENT advices from Havana stated that Gen. Campos would make desperate efforts at once to break the power of Cuban insurgents. He was determined to force the fighting because of urgent orders from Madrid. The cabinet has informed Campos that unless decisive victories were won over the insurgents immediately it would be impossible for Spain to obtain money to maintain her army on the island. The minister of finance said that the Spanish treasury was empty and the insurgents have made such a showing that it was impossible to float a new loan in any European capital.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

### PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

CHARLES B. ATWOOD, one of America's foremost architects, died at Chicago on the 20th. Mr. Atwood did a great deal of work in connection with the world's fair.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND sent a message to congress on the 20th on the depletion of the gold reserve and said that the only real cure for the recurring financial troubles was a complete change in our money system, but he hoped that congress in default of the inauguration of a better system of finance would not take a holiday recess until it had done something to reassure the world that the American nation was able and determined to meet every obligation it incurred without question.

It was admitted in official quarters in Havana that the position of the Spanish cause was becoming exceedingly precarious. The principal bands of Gomez, Maceo, Pancho, Carellio and Maria Aguirre, the latter both Americans, have formed a junction. In the Rejidos district Vidal's band was reported to be uniformed and to have outfits equal to the troops. The doubt and alarm caused by the state of affairs was plainly discernible in Havana, and signs were manifested that the prestige of the recent insurgent success had greatly increased their power.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND on the 19th replied to the senate resolution of December 4 calling for information respecting affairs in Turkey. The response was in the shape of a report by Secretary Olney recounting all that had been done to protect American citizens against the rioters, and after citing several cases wherein naturalized Americans had been oppressively treated stated that proper steps had been taken to secure indemnity in all cases.

It was reported at Washington that the ministers of Venezuela, Brazil and Mexico had made a significant call on Secretary Olney and had cabled their governments that the present time was opportune for a political alliance of all the republics of the American continent and that this alliance would constitute a formidable factor in international affairs.

GEN. MOSES B. WALKER, the hero of Chickamauga, died at Kenton, O., recently. A short time ago he was stricken with paralysis. He was born in 1819. He served throughout the war and was conspicuous for his bravery in 16 battles. He was the last man that left the bloody field of Chickamauga.

The newspapers of England were a unit in treating the Monroe doctrine as a matter that could not be quoted as authoritative in negotiations with a foreign power, and they argued that if the doctrine was enforced the United States would become responsible for the foreign policy of all the impetuous little states of South America and would always be in hot water. Many of the newspapers thought Mr. Cleveland's message an election dodge in view of the approach of the presidential election, a little harmless twisting of the lion's tail which would soon blow over.

CAPT. ISAAC BASSETT, the venerable assistant doorkeeper of the United States senate, died on the 18th at Washington, after a long illness. Since the day of his appointment, 44 years ago, Mr. Bassett has never missed the opening of a session of the senate until this winter.

DELEGATES from national, state and territorial societies, leagues and alliances of temperance reform workers met in convention at Washington on the 17th. The convention was called to order by Rev. L. B. Wilson, of the District of Columbia Anti-Saloon league.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND sent to the senate on the 17th a message on the boundary dispute between England and Venezuela with all the correspondence appertaining thereto. The president said it is the duty of the United States to resist by every means in its power as a willful aggression upon the Monroe doctrine the appropriation by Great Britain of any lands or the exercise of governmental jurisdiction over any territory which, after investigation, we have determined belongs to Venezuela.

A MANIFESTO has been issued by the executive council of the Irish National Alliance of America placing at the disposal of the president of the United States 100,000 men to fight England. The manifesto declares an intense hatred of England.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

CLEARING house returns for the principal cities in the United States for the week ended December 20 showed an average increase as compared with the corresponding week last year of 15.9; in New York the increase was 20.9; outside New York the increase was 10.0.

JOE VENDING has deposited with R. K. Fox a check for \$10,000, which he had received from Dan Stuart as a guarantee that Bob Fitzsimmons would meet Peter Maher at El Paso, Tex., February 14. John J. Quinn, manager for Maher, sent word that he would be in New York with \$1,000 to post for Maher. Many bets were being made on the fight at the up-town hotels in New York, Maher being a slight favorite.

THE second floor of the Palace Clothing Co.'s big store at Minneapolis, Minn., recently collapsed under the weight of tons of wall paper, and Gale Walters, a clerk, was killed.

IN the district court at Perry, Ok., some 50 suits were settled in favor of the Santa Fe Railroad Co. against townspeople settlers. The property involved is worth \$25,000 and lies in the heart of the city. At the opening of Perry settlers settled on the entire railroad right of way, which is 300 feet wide through the entire city, and a number of good houses were erected. The railroad brought ejectment suits against the settlers.

TWENTY-FOUR miners lost their lives in the Nelson mine entry No. 10, near Dayton, Tenn., by an explosion of fire damp on the 20th. The explosion was succeeded by a terrific crash, which indicated that the roof of the passage through which they had entered had fallen in. No avenue of escape was left and there was no possibility that any of the men would be found alive. The men were both white and colored, including several boys.

The fireworks factory of Charles Gerhardt on the Hackensack river, near Jersey City, N. J., was destroyed by fire on the 20th. The damage was about \$10,000.

The great trolley strike at Philadelphia on the 20th was reported as being in a fair way of an amicable settlement, the traction management stating that if the men would go back to work it would receive a committee from the men, hear their complaints and remedy them if possible.

The 20th was a day of excitement on Wall street, New York, and matters for a time bore the resemblance of a panic. It was announced that \$4,000,000 in gold would be sent out of the country at once, and advices from London stated that extensive sales of American securities had been made and the war news from all quarters was responsible for the general feeling of uneasiness that prevailed. With the fall in prices of the international stocks the banks called in all their loans, thus adding to the complications of the situation.

The entire area of the Desplaines valley, near Lockport, Ill., was a rushing torrent of water on the 20th owing to the steady downpour of rain. The banks of the canal broke and half a mile of Santa Fe railway track was swept away. Many of the inhabitants left their houses, while others remained with the water creeping up over their floors. Cellars all over the district were flooded.

The locked out New York tailors on the 20th believed they had won their fight, 39 contractors having signed application blanks for the return of their men.

The number of lives lost in the Comstock mine disaster near Raleigh, N. C., was reported on the 20th as being 30. The search for more bodies was still going on, however.

The failures for the week ended December 20 (Dun's report) were 377 in the United States, against 349 last year, and 32 in Canada, against 36 last year.

FIRE at Denver, Col., on the 20th destroyed the Riche block, corner of 16th and Curtis streets, causing a loss of \$150,000, which was nearly covered by insurance.

IN Moreland, a suburb of Chicago, where the sewerage was not up to requirements, many hundreds of people were prisoners in their own houses through the heavy rains of the 19th. The water had filled the streets and in many instances the people had been compelled to move to the second story of their houses. Improvised rafts were being used in enabling people to cross streets. Street car traffic was entirely suspended. In other parts of Chicago great inconvenience was reported because of the flood.

The six-story brick building numbering 105 to 111 Wooster street, New York, was practically ruined by fire, the damage to the structure and its contents being estimated at \$250,000. The first floor was occupied by Nathan Hulkoft, manufacturer of plate glass. His stock was said to have been valued at \$250,000 and his loss was estimated at \$75,000.

COMPTROLLER ECKELS has called for a report of the condition of the national banks at the close of business Friday, December 23.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND signed the Venezuelan boundary commission bill on the 21st and it became a law.

A MEETING of men of both political parties was held at Chicago recently and it was decided to raise \$50,000 and send a delegation to the national committee at Washington and try and secure the democratic national convention for that city. The meeting was in favor of making the Monroe doctrine a plank in the national platform.

THREE Italians, who were excavating for a new freight station for the New York & Hartford railroad at New Rochelle, N. Y., dug a hole in the earth and made a fire to thaw out three dynamite cartridges which were frozen and sat down near the blaze to wait. Suddenly an explosion occurred and the three Italians were blown to pieces.

THE New York Herald's correspondent at Cartagena sends word that a tidal wave destroyed a great part of the town of Santa Marta, in Panama, and many lives were lost.

AN exciting fire occurred at the Central hotel at Bluefields, W. Va. The guests all escaped with their lives, although several were severely injured by jumping from the windows, but a servant was burned to death. Loss, \$50,000.

A VIOLENT storm recently passed over Hankow, China. The wind blew a hurricane and caused a number of rafts anchored in the river to break loose and as they sped down the swift current they collided with a fleet of junk, carrying all before them, wrecking and sinking a large number and 200 persons were drowned.

ANDREW JOHNSON and his three little children were suffocated at their home in Philadelphia by a fire. Mrs. Johnson was rescued in an unconscious condition, but was not expected to recover.

WHILE Skating on Lathrop lake, near Denver, Col., Charley Jones, aged eight, fell through an air hole in the ice. His brother, Robert, and sister, Maggie, aged 21 and 20, respectively, and Ida Ball, aged 16, attempted to rescue him and all were drowned.

A REQUISITION on the treasury for \$10,275,000 for payment of pensions for the next quarter, was issued on the 21st by the secretary of the interior.

A FIRE at 302 and 304 Wabash avenue, Chicago, occupied by the National Furniture Co. and the American Dunlap Tire Co., did \$70,000 damage. The Auditorium hotel adjoining was also slightly damaged.

## THE HOUSE COMMITTEES.

The Full List as Announced by Speaker Thomas B. Reed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following is the full list of committees of the house of representatives as announced by Speaker Reed, the first name on each committee being the chairman:

Rules—The Speaker, Henderson (La.), Daltzell (Pa.), Crisp (Ga.), Benton McMillin (Tenn.). Ways and Means—Dingley Jr. (Me.), Payne (N. Y.), Daltzell (Pa.), Hopkins (Ill.), Grosvenor (N. Y.), Russell (Conn.), Doolittle (Pa.), Steele (Ind.), Johnson (N. D.), Evans (Ky.), Tawney (Minn.), Crisp (Ga.), McMillin (Tenn.), Turner (Ga.), Tarnsey (Mo.), Wheeler (Ala.), McLaurin (S. C.). Appropriations—Cannon (Ill.), Bingham (Pa.), Grout (Vt.), Northway (O.), Stone (Pa.), Arnold (R. I.), Hainer (Neb.), Blue (Kan.), Pitney (N. J.), Hemmingway (Ind.), McCall (Tenn.), Sayers (Tex.), Dockery (Mo.), Livingston (Ga.), Robertson (La.), Layton (O.), Harbo (N. Y.).

Public buildings and grounds—Milliken (Me.), Morse (Mass.), Mercer (Neb.), Hicock (Pa.), Hilborn (Cal.), Kiefer (Minn.), Gillette (N. Y.), White (Ill.), Hyde (Wash.), Henry (Ind.), Bankhead (Ala.), Abbott (Tex.), Skidmore (N. Y.), Spackman (Pa.), Little (Ark.). Pacific railroads—Payne (N. Y.), Hepburn (Pa.), Wright (Mass.), Watson (O.), Black (N. Y.), Carnot (Pa.), Johnson (Cal.), Hubbard (Mo.), Farris (Ind.), Boatner (La.), Kyle (Miss.), Bell (Tex.), Harrison (Ala.), Patterson (Tenn.).

Military affairs—Hull (Pa.), Curtis (N. Y.), Marsh (Ill.), Wooster (Pa.), Griffin (Wis.), Southwick (N. Y.), Parker (N. J.), Bishop (Mich.), Fenton (O.), Catron (N. M.), Tarnsey (Mo.), Tyler (Va.), McMillan (N. Y.), Washburn (N. Y.), Murphy (Ill.), Snover (Mich.), Moore (Ga.), Williams (Miss.), Clardy (Ky.), Stokes (N. C.), Schafroth (S. C.), Cannon (Utah).

Mines and mining—Altman (Mich.), Cousin (La.), Hartman (Mont.), Leisenring (Pa.), Mendell (Wyo.), Crump (Mich.), Graf (Ill.), Eddy (N. Y.), Spaulding (Mich.), Calderhead (Kan.), Hill (Conn.), Cooke (Ill.), Cox (Tenn.), Cobb (Mo.), Cobb (Ala.), Black (Ga.), Newlands (Nev.), Cowen (Md.).

Merchant marine and fisheries—Payne (N. Y.), Perkins (La.), Hopkins (Ill.), Strong (O.), Griswold (Pa.), McCormick (N. Y.), Simpson (Mass.), Miner (Wis.), Berry (Ky.), Robbins (Ala.), Cooper (Fla.), Fitzgerald (Mass.), M. Crowley (Tex.).

Indian affairs—Sherman (N. Y.), Curtis (Kan.), Wilson (O.), McKeljohn (Neb.), Gamble (S. D.), Doolittle (Wash.), Fischer (N. Y.), Eddy (Minn.), Stuart (Wis.), White (Ill.), Hyde (Wash.), Watson (Ind.), Flynn (Ore.), Allen (Miss.), Maddox (Ga.), Pendleton (Tex.), Little (Ark.), Owens (Ky.).

Enrolled bills—Hager (Pa.), Clark (La.), Anderson (Pa.), Chester (Pa.), Russell (Ga.), Lattimer (S. C.), Clardy (Ky.).

Railways and canals—Chickering (N. Y.), Cook (Wis.), Leisenring (Pa.), Walker (Ill.), Foote (N. Y.), Lacey (La.), McEwan (N. J.), Calderhead (Kan.), McLaurin (S. C.), Lockhart (N. C.), McNeill (Ill.), McKenney (Va.), Otri (La.).

War claims—McMahon (Pa.), Avery (Mich.), Wilson (O.), Hatch (Ind.), Gibson (Tenn.), Otjen (Wis.), Hurley (N. Y.), Pugh (Ky.), Fitzgerald (Mass.), Cooper (Tex.), Neill (Ark.), Buck (La.), Lester (Ga.).

Public lands—Lacey (La.), Stephenson (Mich.), McKeljohn (Neb.), Bowers (Cal.), Ellis (Ore.), Barney (Wis.), Curtis (Kan.), Wilson (Ind.), Culp (Pa.), Shafroth (Col.), Flynn (Ore.), McKee (Ark.), Lattimer (S. C.), Downing (Ill.), Underwood (Ala.), Jarvis (Va.).

Election of president etc.—Curtis (N. Y.), Baker (N. H.), Atwood (Miss.), Arnold (Pa.), Beach (O.), Raney (Mo.), McLachlan (Cal.), Mahoney (N. Y.), Tucker (Va.), Crain (Tex.), Lawson (Ga.), Stallings (Ala.), Howard (Ala.).

Alcoholic liquor traffic—Morse (Mass.), Daniels (N. Y.), Hainer (Neb.), Kiefer (Minn.), Burrill (Ill.), Willis (Del.), Livingston (Ga.), Cooper (Tex.), Woodward (N. C.), Spencer (Miss.).

Library—Hamer (Pa.), Quigg (N. Y.), Cummings (N. Y.). Printing—Perkins (La.), Chickering (N. Y.), Richardson (Tenn.).

District of Columbia—Hamer (Pa.), Babcock (Wis.), Curtis (La.), Hulick (O.), Shannon (N. Y.), Hedley (N. Y.), Gitchell, Jr. (N. Y.), Milnes (Mich.), Wellington (Md.), Richardson (Tenn.), Rusk (Md.), Cobb (Ala.), Meredith (Va.), Abbott (Tex.), Cobb (Mo.).

Education—Grove (Pa.), McCall (Mass.), Burke (La.), McCormick (N. Y.), Henry (Ind.), Barrett (Mass.), Pugh (Ky.), Beaumont (Mo.), Bell (Tex.), Ogden (Ala.), Elliott (S. C.), Lawson (Ga.), Shuford (N. C.).

Rivers and harbors—Hooker (N. Y.), Herman (Ore.), Stephenson (Mich.), Ryburn (Pa.), Cooper (Wis.), Burton (O.), Barrett (Mass.), Reeves (Ill.), Taylor (Va.), Dovey (W. Va.), Clarke (Mo.), Walker (Va.), Catchings (Miss.), Lester (Ga.), Clarke (Ala.), McCulloch (Ark.), Berry (Ky.).

Naval affairs—Boutelle (Me.), Robinson (Pa.), Hulick (O.), Hilborn (Cal.), Bull (I. L.), Hanley (Ind.), Wilson (N. Y.), Post (Ill.), Dayton (W. Va.), Cummings (N. Y.), Meyer (La.), Money (Miss.), Hall (Mo.), Tate (Ga.), Hart (Pa.).

Coinage, weights and measures—Stone (Pa.), Johnson (N. D.), Hartman (Mont.), Brewster (N. Y.), Hedley (N. Y.), McClure (O.), Fairchild (N. Y.), Loudensharger (N. J.), Cannon (Utah), Allen (Miss.), Bankhead (Ala.), Melroe (Ark.), Parkman (Fla.), Spencer (Miss.), Clark (Ala.).

Judiciary—Henderson (La.), Broderick (Kan.), Updegraff (La.), Gillett (Mass.), Strong (O.), Baker (N. H.), Connolly (Ill.), Jenkins (Wis.), Burton (Mo.), Brown (Tenn.), Lewis (Ky.), Culbertson (Tex.), Boatner (La.), Washburn (Tenn.), Bailey (Tex.), Terry (Ark.).

Post offices and post roads—Loud (Ala.), Smith (Ill.), Gardner (N. J.), Linton (Mich.), Sperry (Conn.), Settle (N. C.), Huff (Pa.), Lorimer (Ill.), Bromwell (O.), Miller (Kan.), Mahony (N. Y.), Murphy (Ariz.), Kyle (Miss.), Seamon (N. D.), Crain (Tex.), Ogden (La.), Pendleton (Tex.), Hall (Mo.).

Pensions—Loudensharger (N. J.), Coffa (Md.), Colson (Ky.), Halterman (N. J.), Howe (N. Y.), Mosely (Mo.), Strode (Neb.), Hardy (Ind.), Morse (Ga.), Stallings (Ala.), Baker (Kan.), Black (Ga.), Elliott (S. C.).

Invalid pensions—Pickler (S. D.), Thomas (Mich.), Wood (Ill.), Sulloway (N. H.), Poole (N. Y.), Kirkpatrick (Kan.), Kerr (O.), Anderson (Tenn.), Andrews (Neb.), Crowther (Mo.), Erdman (Pa.), Layton (O.), McMillan (N. Y.), Miller (Md.), Baker (Kan.).

Chairmen of other committees—Labor, Phillips (Pa.); patents, Draper (Mass.); manufactures, Aspley (Mass.); immigration and naturalization, Bartholdt (Mo.); expenditures in the navy department, Thomas (Mich.); in the interior department, Cannon (Ill.); in the post office, Bingham (Pa.); in the state department, Quigg (N. Y.); in the war department, Grout (Vt.); agricultural department, Gillett (N. Y.); irrigation and land, Herman (Ore.); militia, Marsh (Ill.); Mississippi levees, Ray (N. Y.); private land claims, Smith (Ill.); civil claims, Brooks (Pa.); revision of laws, Bowers (Cal.); territories, Seranton (Pa.); war claims, Mahon (Pa.); militia, Marsh (Ill.); elections, No. 1, Daniels (Mass.); No. 2, John (Ind.); No. 3, McCall (Mass.).

## DANGER OF HAVING A DOUBLE.

Narrow Escape of an Innocent Man from Conviction for Forgery.

It is sometimes very unpleasant and even dangerous to look like another person. A friend of mine, who is engaged in the practice of law, told me of a singular instance where too strange a resemblance got a client in trouble. A young man was arrested, charged with burglary. He had been surprised while in the sleeping room of the head of the family, and had escaped by jumping through a window. He was pursued, but got away. Two hours later my friend's client, a stranger in the town, was arrested. The man and his wife, who saw him, positively identified the young man, as did those who joined in the pursuit. To his attorney he persisted in protesting his innocence, but could not account for himself at the time the offense was committed, except by saying he took a long walk to see the city. The attorney who at first believed his client to be guilty, looked up his record and became convinced that the young man was innocent, but his conviction seemed a foregone conclusion. One day the lawyer met a man on the street whom he mistook for his client.

"Why, how did you obtain bond?" he asked.

"You are evidently taking me for some one else," was the answer.

A bright idea struck the lawyer. The stranger looked as though he was in hard luck, and a proposition to sit in the courtroom during the trial was accepted. The lawyer concealed the double until the case was called, then he had the real prisoner sit behind him where he could not be seen, the accused being small and my friend quite large. The double was seated in the prisoner's dock. Every witness identified the man most positively, and the prosecuting attorney looked fully satisfied until the supposed prisoner was placed upon the stand, and it was shown that he was not the defendant. Subsequently a convicted burglar made a confession, and among the crimes was the one with which my friend's client had been charged.—Washington Star.

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## She Never Fails.

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